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FINAL READING

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

- FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments; to amend section
 28-905, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006;
 to modify provisions relating to operation of a motor
 vehicle to avoid arrest; and to repeal the original
 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 28-905, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:
- 3 28-905 (1) Any person who operates any motor vehicle to
- 4 flee in such vehicle in an effort to avoid arrest or citation for
- 5 the violation of any law of the State of Nebraska constituting a
- 6 misdemeanor, infraction, traffic infraction, or any city or village
- 7 ordinance, except nonmoving traffic violations, commits the offense
- 8 of misdemeanor operation of a motor vehicle to avoid arrest.
- 9 (2) Any person who operates any motor vehicle to flee
- 10 in such vehicle in an effort to avoid arrest for the violation of
- 11 any law of the State of Nebraska constituting a felony commits the
- 12 offense of felony operation of a motor vehicle to avoid arrest.
- 13 (3) Operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest under
- 14 subsection (1) of this section is a Class I misdemeanor. The court
- 15 shall, as part of the judgment of conviction, order such person not
- 16 to operate any motor vehicle for any purpose for a period of two
- 17 years and shall order that the operator's license of such person be
- 18 revoked for a like period.
- 19 (4) Operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest under
- 20 subsection (2) of this section is a Class IV felony. The court
- 21 shall, as part of the judgment of conviction, order such person not
- 22 to operate any motor vehicle for any purpose for a period of two
- 23 years and shall order that the operator's license of such person be
- 24 revoked for a like period.
- 25 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)

1 of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this

- 2 section shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.
- 3 (b) The court may, as part of the judgment of conviction
- 4 under subdivision (a) of this subsection, order that the operator's
- 5 license of such person be revoked or impounded for a period of
- 6 not more than one year and order the person not to drive any
- 7 motor vehicle for any purpose in the State of Nebraska for a like
- 8 period. The revocation or impoundment shall be administered upon
- 9 sentencing, upon final judgment of any appeal or review, or upon
- 10 the date that any probation is revoked.
- 11 (3)(a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this
- 12 section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony if, in addition to
- 13 the violation of subsection (1) of this section, one or more of the
- 14 following also applies:
- 15 (i) The person committing the offense has previously been
- 16 convicted under this section;
- 17 (ii) The flight to avoid arrest results directly and
- 18 proximately in the death of or injury to any person if such death
- 19 or injury is caused directly and proximately by the vehicle being
- 20 driven by the person fleeing to avoid arrest; or
- 21 (iii) The flight to avoid arrest includes the willful
- 22 reckless operation of the motor vehicle.
- 23 (b) The court shall, as part of the judgment of
- 24 conviction under subdivision (a) of this subsection, order that
- 25 the operator's license of such person be revoked or impounded for

1 <u>a period of two years and order the person not to drive any</u>

- 2 motor vehicle for any purpose in the State of Nebraska for a like
- 3 period. The revocation or impoundment shall be administered upon
- 4 sentencing, upon final judgment of any appeal or review, or upon
- 5 the date that any probation is revoked.
- 6 (5)(a) (4)(a) Any person who operates a vessel as defined
- 7 in section 37-1203 to flee in such vessel in an effort to avoid
- 8 arrest or citation for the violation of any statute punishable as
- 9 a misdemeanor or any city or village ordinance shall be guilty of
- 10 misdemeanor operation of a vessel to avoid arrest.
- 11 (b) Any person violating subdivision (a) of this
- 12 subsection shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Upon
- 13 conviction thereof the court shall, as part of the judgment of
- 14 conviction, order such person not to operate any vessel for any
- 15 purpose for a period of one year.
- 16 (6)(a) (5)(a) Any person who operates a vessel as defined
- 17 in section 37-1203 to flee in such vessel in an effort to avoid
- 18 arrest for the violation of any statute punishable as a felony
- 19 shall be guilty of felony operation of a vessel to avoid arrest.
- 20 (b) Any person violating subdivision (a) of this
- 21 subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. Upon conviction
- 22 thereof the court shall, as part of the judgment of conviction,
- 23 order such person not to operate any vessel for any purpose for a
- 24 period of two years.
- 25 (7) (6) An order of the court under subsection (4) or

1 (5) of this section prohibiting operation of a vehicle or vessel

- 2 and revoking the operator's license shall be administered upon
- 3 sentencing, upon final judgment of any appeal or review, or upon
- 4 the date that any probation is revoked. T whichever is later.
- 5 Sec. 2. Original section 28-905, Revised Statutes
- 6 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.